

MISSIONS – July 19, 2023
7:00 PM

Attendance: Mary Ellen Hettinger, Facilitator, Patty Wilson, Carol Crowe, Joyce Roy, Janis Martinez, Laura Butcher, Karen Wright, Janet Kissinger, Mary Haar

Opening Prayer -Pastor Liz

Review /Approve Minutes – June 2023 minutes were approved by Janis Martinez. Janet Kissinger seconded, and the motion carried.

Missions Finances-Review – Reviewed how they did the reimbursement of the trip to Guatemala.

Benevolence Giving- Mary Haar moved for \$750 to be sent for ELCA Disaster Relief for flooding in Vermont from the designated Missions Fund. Carol Crowe seconded. The motion carried.

Match the World Hunger for August. Patty Wilson moved for the giving to be matched for the month of August. Janet Kissinger seconded, and the motion carried.

ELCA Global Mission Partners

Mission Partner-Deacon April Trout in Tanzania – we are partnered with a specific congregation over there!

YAGM Program-Quentin Bernhart – A luncheon is scheduled for August 20 to host Quentin Bernhart for him to present his experiences in Senegal to the congregation. Mary Ellen wants to get this confirmed. Pastor Liz mentioned this at staff meeting. A Mission Moment will be provided at the Sunday services, too. Mary Ellen will send emails out for volunteers.

New partner -*Joshua Kenst-Senegal* has been chosen for the Missions Team to sponsor next year.

Missions Partner Guatemala/Tree 4 Hope -Janis Martinez

Summer Mission Trip – Five teenagers went, and everyone worked well together. Dedication of the room in honor of Ron Katzman was done while there. Gifts were delivered to the girls we are sponsoring. The sponsorship from the Vacation Bible School was received. All the construction for the second floor of the academy is going well.

The orphanage has broken ground for a technical school. Mechanics (machinery) and sewing are being highlighted.

Elders came and the crew saw the enthusiasm for the help they receive.

Mission Projects-Ongoing
Current
Sewing Ministry- Carol Crowe
Sewing Ministry Report

July 18, 2023

We met for full day on July 18th. Terri, Scarlet, Kathy, Carolyn, Betsy and myself worked on various projects for sewing quilts. In the closet we now have 30 completed quilts, 5 kits to sew into tops, 3 to be bound, 6 to sandwich, 4 sandwiches to sew, trim, turn and top stitch, 4 to be tied. If we can get these all done by October, we will have 52 quilts. We continue to meet on Tuesday mornings and make kits for tops, tie quilts, sew tops so we hope to exceed 54 quilts this year. Some of us took work home to do.

Mary Haar-Master's Program-Everything is due August 12, and the manual will be completed.

New business

World Hunger-Bread Weekend – Thanks to Janet Kissinger for putting up the bread all around the building. Janis Martinez will be at the sale on Saturday. Mary Ellen will come over Saturday evening. Pastor Horner will need to have the office open for putting the money in the safe. Sunday at 10:00 AM and after church Karen Wright, Janet Kissinger, Patty Wilson, and Mary Ellen will work.

Friday afternoon envelopes need to be put in the pews.

Missions Committee Policy and Functions -Updates

Refugee Host Program Update

Laura Butcher talked about moving forward and tasked with focusing on information gathering to understand where we can put our energies and resources. Nationally v. in Central PA.

Sent Pastor Liz a list. Mary Ellen Hettinger and Mitzi Jones, Community Outreach facilitator, will be brought in to decide what we want to support.

ELS hosting one here would be advantageous for us.

Service project: drive for furniture and home goods House2Home in New Cumberland. Clothing drive. Toy drive; welcoming packets.

Ongoing needs: Look for affordable apartments. Help tutor to children, going to the library, balancing a checkbook.

Host a refugee welcoming.

Co-sponsorship to provide support to new families. Provide a level of continuity and care.

Overseen by a resettlement service. Laura provided much detailed information for this option.

Foster care through Diacon.

Grant program

September 6 joint meeting of both committees.

Looking Ahead
Other business/Comments for the Good of the Order
Adjournment /Lord's Prayer 8:30 PM
*Next meeting: September 20, 2023

Submitted respectfully,

Mary E. Haar, Committee Secretary and Mary Ellen Hettinger, Committee facilitator

To add to these minutes for August 2023

The visit from Quentin Bernhard on August 20th was a wonderful day to visit with Quentin and hear about his time in the YAGM program in Senegal this past year. The team hosted a luncheon and we were able to hear and see from Quentin all about his time in Senegal this past year. Thanks to everyone on the Missions team and Dan Reed, John Artivich and Joe Hunter for all their help for this event.

Our World Hunger Giving campaign for August was overwhelmingly successful! Through the generous support from our wonderful Trinity family members, we were able to raise over \$7000.00 for World Hunger which the Missions Team will be matching.

Mary Haar and the team have helped develop an updated Missions Policy outline for the team.

Missions team along with Community Outreach met last week to discuss further plans for our Refugee program plans for the future.